

AMENDMENT

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

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A welding apparatus for welding welds two or more overlapping members having a tenacious surface oxide layer. ~~The, the apparatus comprising includes~~ a plasma arc torch operable to form a weld pool in a work piece[,] and a weld pool disturbing means ~~device~~ operable, in use, to disturb a weld pool formed by the plasma arc torch. ~~The, the weld pool disturbing device includes means comprising~~ a disturbing member which is movable into the weld pool. The apparatus may include a support member adapted to support the weld pool.